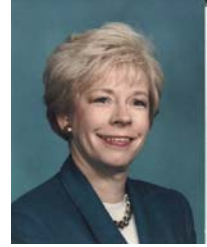


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- ★ **Embellishment Expert**
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Pauline Richards, an embellishment expert, publishes *Total Embellishment Newsletter*. She is known for her innovative stories in *Sew News*, *Creative Machine Embroidery* and her work with sewing machine and trim companies. Pauline offers useable, timely inspiration and help for creative sewers who appreciate new ideas.

Pauline spent her youth in Park City, Utah where she learned to ski. The youngest of four children, she learned the value of creativity and hard work at an early age. Just before her sixth birthday Pauline's father died. This was a major turning point in her life. Her mother accepted a full-time position at the bank where her father had been the manager.

Pauline's Grandma Judd was also a young widow. She stayed with the family during the first few summers after her father's death so Pauline quickly understood that life was unpredictable and that education was important. An advanced degree was considered a necessity, not an option, for she knew she too could become a single parent.

Grandma Judd brought a large box of previously-worn clothing each summer and "worked magic" as she made school clothes. The children chose designs from mail-order catalogues and their grandmother duplicated the designs. Pauline used the fabric scraps to create the "best dressed dolls in town" and began sewing her own clothes by the time she was nine years old. In junior high school, she sewed for herself, her twin sisters, her mother and friends.

After graduating from the University of Utah with a B.S. degree, Pauline was offered a teaching assistantship in clothing and textiles. While there, she completed a Masters of Education degree. She was hired as the first teacher of clothing and textiles at Cottonwood High School. She and her friend and mentor, Phyllis Woodbury, collaborated on nine volumes of curriculum for teachers in Granite School District or for the Utah State Board of Education.

Motherhood has always been Pauline's first priority and her husband and six children understood and supported her goal to remain qualified to teach or work full-time if needed. She has not had to apply for positions because her work ethic has been recognized by others who offered new opportunities. Pauline believes that "every person has a responsibility to share, volunteer and become involved in building a better, safer world."

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